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SUBJ: PRC MESSAGE ON OCTOBER REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY

REF: A. HONG KONG 12219; B. HONG KONG 12212; C. MOSCOW 14919

1. PRAVDA (NOVEMBER 9) SUMMARIZES THE CHINESE MESSAGE OF GREETINGS ON THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION. EXCERPTS FROM MESSAGE REPEAT ONLY THOSE PORTIONS WHICH POINT TO PAST FRIENDSHIP AND CALL FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. PRAVDA DOES NOT CARRY ANY OF THE SPECIFICS OF THE CHINESE MESSAGE CONCERNING PAST PROPOSALS OR THE TERMS OF THE 1969 CHOU-KOSYGIN " UNDERSTANDING."

2. IN PAST YEARS THE SOVIET PRESS HAS ROUTINELY
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REPLAYED THE FULL TEXT OF CHINESE MESSAGES AND PEKING'S

MESSAGE WAS THE ONLY ONE OF MANY CARRIED IN THE SOVIET PRESS WHICH APPEARED IN SHORTENED FORM. THE DECISION TO HANDLE MESSAGE IN THIS MANNER THEREFORE CLEARLY IMPLIES CONCERN AS TO WHAT PROPAGANDA LINE TO ADOPT TOWARD THE SPECIFICS WHICH THE CHINESE MENTIONED. FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, THE SOVIETS ARE UNWILLING TO REVEAL TO THEIR PEOPLE THAT THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE TO CONTRADICT THEIR LINE THAT THE CHINESE HAVE MADE NO POSITIVE PROPOSALS.

3. IN THIS REGARD, A PRC EMBOFF COMMENTED TO A JAPANESE COLLEAGUE HERE THAT THE CHINESE MESSAGE CONTAINS NOTHING NEW IN SUBSTANCE. PEKING, HE SAID, HAS ALL ALONG BEEN WILLING TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE BASIS OF THE 1969 UNDERSTANDING, BUT THE SOVIETS HAVE FAILED TO HONOR IT, IN PARTICULAR STIPULATIONS REGARDING TROOP WITHDRAWALS.

4. ALTHOUGH SOME WESTERN REPORTERS HERE HAVE SEIZED ON THE CHINESE MESSAGE AS A "BREAKTHROUGH," WE TEND TO REMAIN SKEPTICAL, SEEING IT AS A RESPONSE IN KIND BY PEKING TO MOSCOW'S CALL FOR FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN ITS OCTOBER 1 MESSAGE TO KEING (REF C). WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING HERE, EITHER FROM CHINESE OR SOVIET SOURCES TO SUGGEST THAT THERE REALLY HAS BEEN PROGRESS RECENTLY IN THE BORDER TALKS (REF A), BUT WE WILL REMAIN ALERT TO ANY INDICATION. STOESEL

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